



EPIPHANY

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

ISAIAH 60:1

Western Reserve United Methodist Church

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January 4, 2026

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Joyce Hoile

Minister of Visitation: Rev. Don Christensen

Mission Statement: ***Western Reserve Church will develop disciples who reflect Christ's love through worship, fellowship, and service.***

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

****Please rise in body or in spirit***

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT: *"To God Be the Glory"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from remormedworship.org)

LEADER: Wise men came from the East to worship one they had never seen.

CONGREGATION: They were outsiders, yet their offerings were accepted.

LEADER: For them, a king had come who would not be a tyrant.

CONGREGATION: This King would make all things new.

LEADER: They were dreamers who saw beyond the 'facts' to the reality, and they went home changed,

CONGREGATION: Come, come everyone, from the East and everywhere.

ALL: Come and worship Christ, the newborn King.

*OPENING HYMN: *"We Three Kings"* (UMH #254)

*OPENING PRAYER (Spoken in unison)

God of all glory, by the guidance of a star You led the Wisemen to worship the Christ Child. By the light of faith lead us to Your glory in heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MISSION MOMENT: Lugene Pezzuto

DEDICATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology (UMH #95)

*Offertory Prayer

CHORAL ANTHEM: *"Psalm 139"*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MORNING PRAYERS – Sharing our joys and concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *"Surely the Presence of the Lord"* (UMH #328)

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Micah 5:2-5a; Isaiah 60:1-6; *Matthew 2:1-12

RESPONSE

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: ***"Epiphany Light"***

HYMN OF PREPARATION:

"Open Our Eyes" (TFWS #2086)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (UMH Pg. 12)

*CLOSING HYMN: *"What Child Is This"* (UMH #219)

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE:

"On Eagle's Wings" (UMH #143)

POSTLUDE

Thank you to those assisting in our worship services.

Sermon: Pastor Joyce (All Services)

Music: Leaha Marshall and the TOGGLE Praise Team (9:15 am)
Leaha Marshall (11:00 am)

Liturgist: Doug Price (9:15 am)
Melodee Titus (11:00 am)

Please keep the following friends in your prayers this week:

Those in Nursing Homes:

Park Vista of Youngstown: Linda Ward

Hampton Woods: Nancy Jarvis

Windsor House: Nancy Hull

St. Luke Lutheran Community: Margie Wagner

The Inn @ Glenellen: Richard Fox

The Addison @ Cornersburg: Ila Cochran

Those serving in our military:

Jeff Asch, Jared Eichert, JT Palmer, Riley Miller, Mark Kuntzman,
Jared Muntean

Those with other prayer concerns:

Bill Helsel, Sandra Ellis, Billy Tarr, Betty Brunswick, Tim Treleven,
Bill Robb, Ed Dambik, Terry Hassay, Jon Ramsbottom, Marjorie
Nelson, Halle Wright, Kennedy Turek, Brian Hassel, Marian Doerr,
Barb Rauschenburg, Stuart Hassel, Juanita Bloom, Chelsea
(Schmidt) Kachelries, Laurie Grischow, Eugene Pezzuto, Doug Price,
Jack Phillipson

<p>The prayer list is updated weekly. If you would like to be included in the prayer list, please let the Church Office know and keep us updated as to the status of these prayer requests so that we can remain current on those needing special prayer. Thank you!</p>
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WELCOME AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR WORSHIP!

If you are visiting with us this morning and have any questions or need assistance, please see an usher.

FROM PASTOR JOYCE: Each year, pastors receive one week of Spiritual Renewal Leave. Every four years, we are encouraged to take an extended time away from church duties to reconnect with God and refill our spirits to better serve as your pastors. I will be taking my Extended Renewal Leave from January 7 – February 17. During my time away, Pastor Don will be preaching on the Sundays in January. I am still firming up the worship leaders for the other Sundays. The office will have the complete list before I leave. If pastoral care is needed during my time away, please call the Church Office.



WE WILL BE COLLECTING cans of soup for the Rescue Mission. Please bring cans of soup to the church and leave them in or around the marked collection box in the narthex. Large cans of Chicken Noodle, Tomato, and Vegetable soup are most needed, but others are welcome. Please bring your donations to the Church by Sunday, February 1.

THANK YOU to everyone for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts. We appreciate them all and hope you each had a lovely Christmas and will have a joy-filled and blessed New Year. *Pastor Joyce & Keith*

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who made the Advent and Christmas Season at WRUMC so beautiful and special. You touched many lives with your gifts to the Giving Tree as well as the hats, scarves, and mittens tree. You made a difference through various gifts and collections, especially to our shut-in members who often have a difficult time getting out to worship.

THANK YOU to Brian Baldwin and his team who decorated the church, making it festive and delightful, and to the Young Adult Ministry for filling, placing, and lighting the luminaries for Christmas which made entering the church property both awe-inspiring and holy. Thank you, also, to everyone who shared their talents in our Christmas Eve services. Special thank you's go out to Regan for singing "O Holy Night" and Lydia for performing a liturgical dance at the 3:00 pm service. Each service was different, yet each brought the Good News that Jesus Christ had been born!



THE MISSION'S COMMITTEE is planning a mission trip to Asheville, NC in June or July of this year. Volunteers will focus on rebuilding hope and homes in communities devastated by Hurricane Helene. Anyone, ages 18 and up, is welcome to join us on this trip. There will be an informational meeting on Monday, January 12 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

ALTAR FLOWERS are needed for many Sundays in 2026, including all Sundays in January. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Center. The cost is \$20.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

- Men's Bible study – Meets in the Fellowship Hall every Tuesday at 8:30 am except for the 1st Tuesday when they meet at Trek Coffee House (1588 Mahoning Ave.).
- Adult Bible study & prayer group – Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Youth Room. If you would like more information or have any prayer requests for the group, please contact Laura (cell: 330-770-7017 or email: walton32000@yahoo.com).

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING FOR SUNDAY, December 28

Early Worship Service (8:30 am)	13
T.O.G.G.L.E. Service (9:15 am)	33
Traditional Service (11:00 am)	30
Total Worship Attendance	76

Amount needed to meet weekly budget: \$6,631

Total Giving amount: \$6,665 (This includes electronic giving)



Electronic Giving is available! Simply scan the QR code with your phone and you will be taken to the secure Vanco online giving platform where you can make your donation to WRUMC electronically and set up recurring donations if you would like. Credit cards are accepted. ***Thank you for your continued faithfulness in worship and giving!***



PARKING LOT/FRONT DITCH PROJECT

Received to date: \$13,777

(after payment for work completed)

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GIVING TO
THE PARKING LOT/FRONT DITCH PROJECT!
WE STILL HAVE MORE WORK TO GET DONE!***

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TODAY

Worship Services (8:30, 9:15, 11:00 am)

Sunday school/Bible study (9:30 am)

TUESDAY

Men's Bible Study (8:00 am)

Helping Hands Closet (9:00 am - 1:00 pm)

Sewing Circle (9:00 am)

Bible Study/Prayer Group (6:30 pm)

COMING UP!

Mission Trip Informational Meeting (January 12 | 7:00 pm)

Trustees Meeting (January 13 | 6:00 pm)

Family Game Night (January 30 | 6:00 pm)